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SUBJECT: RUMORED FRENCH ARMS DEAL WITH PAKISTAN; SOVIET

ARMS TO AFGHANISTAN

REF: (A) KABUL 253; (B) ISLAMABAD 549

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO HARD INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO CONFIRM OR DENY REPORTED FRENCH ARMS DEAL, INVOLVING PAKISTAN AND PERSIAN GULF STATES. WE NOTE PERSISTENCE RECENT REPORTS OF SOME SUCH ARRANGEMENT IN OFFING, OF WHICH REPORT CITED BY WAHID ABDULLAH ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL. TO DATE USG HAS HELD NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP THIS SUBJECT AND WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS ISSUE IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. YOU MAY INFORM WAHID ABDULLAH THAT WE UNABLE CONFIRM

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REPORTED TRILATERAL DEAL OR ANY OTHER ARMS DEAL WITH FRENCH. FYI WE SEEK WHERE POSSIBLE TO AVOID BECOMING SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN ANY SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRY ABOUT ARMS ARRANGEMENT IN ANOTHER. END FYI.

3. CONCERNING SUBJECT OF SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES TO
AFGHANISTAN, WE AGREE THAT YOU HAVE GONE AS FAR AS YOU
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MIGHT USEFULLY GO FOR IME BEING IN SMOKING OUT AFGHANS
AT SENIOR LEVEL. RUSH

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